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No. 3

AT the request of many of our members this issue of the VISITOR contains the Constitution of Grace Church. Read it carefully and preserve it for future reference.

REV. C. L. ALSPACH, of Ada, Ohio, assisted the pastor during the Easter services and preached excellent sermons. We shall be glad to have him with us again at some future time.

AT the request of a number of our people the pastor will preach a series of sermons on the church, as follows:

April 15, 10:30 a. m. The Christian Church, Her origin, attributes, and mission.

April 22, 10:30 a. m. The Church Prior to the Reformation. Her history, growth and degeneracy.

April 29, 10:30 a. m. The Reformation. The Reformed Church, Her origin and founders.

May 6, 10:30 a. m. The Doctrines of the Reformed Church. Her growth and present outlook.

May 13, 10:30 a. m. Anniversary Sermon, Grace Church. Should I be a member of the church?

Invite your friends to come with you to hear this series of sermons.

MR. F. D. PAULUS has accepted a position with the McCormick Machine Co. His territory is in the eastern part of Ohio, and his headquarters at Akron. He is

greatly missed from all the services of Grace Church.

THE Ground Breaking service and social was quite a success notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather. The young people did themselves full justice with the supper and entertainment which they furnished.

THE annual meeting of St. Joseph Classis will be held at Goshen, Ind., beginning June 6. The Classical Sunday School Convention will be held at the same place beginning June 5, and the Ladies' Missionary Society June 7th.

THE Financial Secretary, at the direction of the consistory, has made arrangements to have our annual excursion to Rome City on Friday, June 15th. Make your arrangements accordingly now, and let every member of the church spend this day at the lake

THE excavating for the new church has necessitated the closing of the west entrance of the lecture rooms. The entrance will now be by the door on the east side. Late comers to the church services who may not wish to enter by this door, can enter by the kitchen door on the alley. The construction of the new building will not interfere with the holding of church services, as the way will always be kept open to our lecture rooms.

CONSTITUTION OF GRACE REFORMED CHURCH, FORT WAYNE, IND.

ARTICLE I.

NAME AND OBJECT.

SECTION 1. The name and title of this Congregation shall be the Grace Reformed Church, of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

SEC. 2. Its object shall be to provide its members with the preaching of the Word, the administration of the Sacraments and the exercise of Christian Discipline in accordance with the confession of Faith known as the Heidelberg Catechism.

SEC. 3. This Congregation shall be an organic member of the Reformed Church in the United States and shall be governed by its Constitution and Laws.

ARTICLE II.

OF THE OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

SEC 1. The Officers shall be a Pastor, Four Elders, Four Deacons, a Treasurer and a Financial Secretary.

SEC. 2. The Pastor, Elders and Deacons shall constitute the Consistory and Board of Trustees.

SEC 3. The duties of the Pastor, Elders, Deacons and Trustees shall be such as are laid down in the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States.

SEC. 4. The Consistory shall at its annual meeting, or as soon thereafter as possible elect a Clerk and such other officers as may be necessary.

SEC. 5. The Consistory shall meet annually on the first day of January for the transaction of business and final settlement with the Treasurer and other officers, and at such other times as may be necessary.

SEC. 6. To the Board of Trustees shall be entrusted the management of all the property of the Congregation, real, personal and mixed, in accordance with the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States.

SEC. 7. The Treasurer of the Congregation shall receive all funds at the hands of the Financial Secretary and all other

sources. And shall pay the same upon the order of the President and Clerk of the Consistory, excepting monies raised for the support of the Pastor, which shall be paid without such order.

SEC. 8. The Financial Secretary of the Church shall secure the pledges for the current expenses of the Church. He shall take charge of the Sabbath offerings, keep a careful record of the same and in due time deposit all amounts with the Treasurer, duly receipted. He shall also issue to the members of the Church quarterly statements of their accounts with the Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTIONS.

SEC. 1. All members in good standing and who have contributed to the support of the congregation according to their ability, during the year preceding the election, shall be entitled to vote at all elections.

SEC. 2. An election shall be held for Pastor whenever the Consistory shall nominate and appoint a meeting for the purpose, according to the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States. At this election a President, Clerk and three Judges of the election shall be appointed, who shall certify the result to the Clerk of the Consistory. Every minister who may be elected must, before he can be installed or introduced into office, be a minister in good standing in the Classis to which the congregation belongs.

SEC. 3. An election of two Elders, two Deacons, a Financial Secretary, and a Treasurer shall be held at the annual meeting January 1st, each year. The Elders and Deacons shall serve for two years, the Treasurer and Financial Secretary for one year.

SEC. 4. The Consistory shall at least ten days before the day of election nominate candidates; but it shall not prevent the congregation on the day of election, from nominating additional names, and no pre-

vious tenure of office shall disqualify any person from being such a candidate.

SEC. 5. In case of a vacancy by death, removal or otherwise, the Consistory shall appoint a day for a special election to fill said vacancy. And that said election shall be appointed and held within one month from the date of such vacancy.

ARTICLE IV.

MEMBERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

SEC. 1. Every person is a member of this congregation who has been duly received into connection with it, by confirmation, by letter, or by renewal of profession, according to the mode prescribed by Constitution of the Reformed Church.

SEC. 2. All members shall strive to promote the general welfare of the church, and especially by a consistent life and walk, and shall annually contribute according to their ability towards its support.

ARTICLE V.

AMENDMENTS AND BY-LAWS.

SEC. 1. This Constitution or any part of it may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, at a meeting called for the purpose, provided that at least ten days notice of the same shall have been given.

SEC. 2. All elections and other business requiring the action of the congregation, except as provided in Article III, Section 3 of this Constitution shall be decided by a majority vote of those present at such election or meeting.

D. W. SOUDER, the treasurer of the building fund, has provided himself with a neat little ledger, which is to be placed in the corner stone of the new church. Every one paying twenty-five cents will have his name entered in this book. We feel certain that every member of the church, and every child of the Sabbath School and all our friends will want their names in this ledger. Amounts larger than twenty-five cents will be cheerfully accepted.

OUR anniversary services will occur this year Sunday, May 13th. Have you not some friend who might unite with the church at that service?

A Missionary Tea will be held Thursday afternoon, April 19th, at the home of Mrs. Cour, No. 330 E. Jefferson street. All the ladies of the church are invited to be present.

THE ladies of the church, and all others who may desire to do so, are requested to purchase their teas, coffee, spices, cocoanut, baking powder, etc., at the Pacific Tea Store. In so doing they will receive a one pound ticket for every pound they purchase of any of the above named articles, excepting coffee, of which four pounds must be purchased for a pound check. If all the families will then present these checks to the church we will soon be able to secure a set of china dishes for the church, and thus dispense with the constant need of loaning dishes for our socials. It is hoped that all who read this notice will cheerfully comply with this wish of the ladies.

AT a recent meeting of the Ladies' Society it was decided to hold a Fair sometime during the coming fall. The object is to raise further funds for the new church. This is a matter that concerns every member of the church. Many hands working together will make the work move along with zeal and without being burdensome to any one. Preparations are already being made for the fair, and work will now be pushed with vigor. Let every lady of the church, and all others who may desire, attend the sewings. You can do much towards making this enterprise a success. You can talk encouragingly about it, and you can give your assistance in preparing for it, or upon the contrary, you can do much toward making it a failure by talking against the project and by not giving your help, and prevailing upon others to take sides with you.

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CLARA E. VON BLON.

Tuesday, March 20th, the pastor was called to Upper Sandusky, Ohio, to officiate at the funeral of Clara E. Von Blon, daughter of Philip and Elizabeth Von Blon. This highly esteemed young lady had been in ill health for several years, and was finally called to the "Home Beyond" on Sabbath night, March 18th. She was aged 27 years, 3 months and 23 days. During her protracted illness she was calm and resigned in spirit, committing herself fully into the hands of her Lord and Master. Her entire life had been one of consecration and humble trust in the Lord, and when death came, she died as she had lived, full of hope and assurance. She was of Christian parentage, and was dedicated in infancy to the Lord in holy baptism. At the age of fourteen she was received into full membership with the Reformed Church at Upper Sandusky, Ohio, of which she remained a devoted member until her death. She had spent nearly three years at Wooster, Ohio, in the University, devoting most of her time to music. By her diligence she became quite efficient in this art, and was later employed as teacher of music at Cataba College, N. C., and at Central College, Ohio. During her college and professional life she won the highest esteem of

her associates and her pupils; and always maintained the same devoted Christian spirit and attachment to the Church and her Master. For a number of years past she was an energetic worker in the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor. Her soul's delight was found in the service of the Master; and when finally the end approached and she knew her course was about finished, she cheerfully laid her armor off and signified her willingness and preparation to answer the summons of the the Lord. During the last days of her life she gave her friends many comforting assurances of her full acceptance with the Lord, and that soon she would be with her Saviour and sainted friends. Her father and mother, two brothers and three sisters had preceded her to the heavenly home. Three brothers and one sister remain to mourn her loss. The funeral service took place on Tuesday afternoon, March 20th, and was held at the Reformed Church in Upper Sandusky, and was attended by a large number of friends from the city and from abroad. The pastor was assisted in the services by Rev. Mr. Lease Pastor of the Methodist Church of that city, and Rev. Dr. Fry, of Marysville, Ohio. At the close of the service the remains were entombed in the family lot in Oak Hill Cemetery, a few miles south of the city. May the Lord comfort the bereaved brothers sister, and friends.

THE Easter offerings amounted to nearly \$50. The largest ever received in the history of the congregation

THE Financial Secretary has issued the statements for the first quarter of the present year. We are glad to find that only so few were in arrears for the quarter. There are still some members who have not yet given their subscriptions Will they not do so at their earliest convenience.

“IF I JOIN THE CHURCH, MAY I
DANCE?”

“If I join the church, have you any objection to my dancing?”

Such was the question of Mary W——, addressed to her pastor, as he was speaking to her about her making a public profession of religion. She was about eighteen years of age, of high social standing, intelligent, cultivated, thoroughly a lady in feeling and manner, and surrounded by all that makes life attractive and pleasant.

Having been hopefully converted, after much thought and prayer, she had decided to unite with the church of which Mr. A—— was the pastor. But before so doing, she asked him, in the conversation alluded to, “If I join the church, Mr. A——, have you any objection to my dancing? I am very fond of it, and feel very unwilling to give it up. What do you think of it?”

“I will answer your question by another,” said her pastor. “Suppose there was a large and fashionable party, or a public ball in town, and you were invited to it. And suppose you had accepted the invitation, and that going at rather a late hour, as you entered the room you found all engaged in the dance, and that you saw me, your pastor, taking part in it, and leading it, what would you think?”

A look of surprise, almost of astonishment, passed over her face, as she frankly said, “I should think it very strange, and greatly inconsistent.”

“Well,” replied Mr. A——, “If dancing is right and a good thing, why should not I enjoy it as well as you? And if in its influence and tendencies it is wrong and evil, why should you engage in it or wish it more than I? A minister is but a good man trying to do good to men. And there are not two standards, one for him and another for the members of his church; not two rules of Christian living, one for you and another for him. If he is to be spiritual, and set a holy example, and to

come out from the world and be separate, and shun worldly amusements, why are not you? And if such amusements are right and proper for you as a follower of the Saviour, why are they not for him? And why should you, or any member of the church, wish to be or to do what you would not like to see him be or do?”

She thought a moment seriously, and then said, “It is plain to me now. I will never dance again.” *And she never did.*

Uniting with the church by a public confession of her faith in Christ, she lived, and after some years died, an exemplary, faithful, spiritual Christian, a help to her pastor in every good word and work, and a bright example to all who knew her.

With this brief narrative in view, three thoughts are suggested for serious and prayerful consideration:

1. As to all worldly amusements, if you have the least doubt as to your conduct—if there is the least conflict between inclination and duty, go in prayer to the Saviour, and ask Him what you ought to do, and then act as you believe He would approve if He were present with you.

2. If there is the least doubt, is it not best to err on the safe side, and rather keep too far from the world, than to go too near to it?

3. Is it not right for you, in this as in all things, to take such a course, that if all were to imitate your example, it would make the church a holy and spiritual and useful church, and give you, personally, the highest and best influence as a devoted and faithful Christian?—*Selected.*

AS the work is progressing on the church our treasurer, D. W. Souder, will be in need of funds. Let those who have given their subscriptions, pay their installments as promptly as possible. The treasurer will receive payments at any time. The pastor is still continuing his canvass, and hopes now in a short time to see every member of the church.

Sabbath School.

D. W. SOUDER.....Superintendent
M. CONNETT.....Ass't Superintendent
CHARLES GUMPPER.....Secretary
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ALICE CONNETT.....Librarian
Sabbath School Hour, Sabbath Morning, 9:30. €

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS.

January 7.....	\$4 04
“ 14.....	3 62
“ 21.....	3 33
“ 28.....	5 88
February 4.....	3 94
“ 11.....	4 37
“ 18.....	4 76
“ 25.....	10 41
Jan. 7, Mrs Miller's class gave the largest collection	\$1.40
Jan. 14, Miss Mary Rudisil's gave the largest collection.....	.60
Jan. 21, Mr. Connett's class gave the largest collection.....	.50
Jan. 28, Mr. Zartman's class gave the largest collection.....	1.79
Feb. 4, The Infant class gave the largest collection.....	1.11
Feb. 11, Mr. Beahler's class gave the largest collection.....	.76
Feb. 18, Mr. Beahler's class gave the largest collection.....	1.61
Feb. 25, Mr. Beahler's class gave the largest collection.....	3.61

THE Easter Rabbit visited the infant class of Grace Church and left a nest full of bright colored eggs. The little ones were happy.

SOMETIME the latter part of May or the first of June a canvass is to be made of the entire city, by the Protestant Churches, with a view of gathering all the children into our Sabbath Schools.

HERE is the motto adopted for the Sunday Schools of the Reformed Church:

*"All the Sunday School in the Church;
All the Church in the Sunday School;
And all for Christ."*

Let us heartily adopt this motto for our own Church and Sunday School.

THE REFORMED CHRISTIAN EN- DEAVOR RALLY—30,000 STRONG.

Cleveland, O., July 12, 1894, 2 P. M.

Our rally plans are steadily unfolding, and will soon be ready for detailed announcement. We are planning to have seven or eight 10 minute addresses instead of one or two hour-glass affairs. All parts of the church will be represented, and a very attractive programme offered.—*Christian World.*

THE little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Keplinger has recovered from her recent illness.

MR. AND MRS C. H. GUMPPER, with their host of friends, are rejoicing over the arrival of a beautiful baby girl. The VISITOR extends congratulations.

MARRIAGES AT THE PARSONAGE.

Feb. 4, Rudolph Deppeller and Mary J. Rowly.

March 26, William E Cohagan and Nellie Eckelburger.

March 27, Daniel Bolyard and Nellie A Fry.

THE following members were received into the church since the 1st of January:

Jan. 28., by reprofession, J. G Zimmer, Mrs. J. G. Zimmer, Cyrus Zimmer, Frank Rupert, Mrs. Fox.

March 25, by confirmation, Arthur Hyman, Jacob Rudisil, Ernest Close, Rudolph Weninghoff, Jr., Emma Swartz, Mamie Vordermark, Tena R. Weldon, Lillie Kirkham, Allen Latimore, May Bogar.

Baptism and confirmation, Ida Romy, Lillie Moore, Daisy Null.

Reprofession, Otto Oldfast, Mrs. Allen Latimore, Mrs. Edith Hollencamp, Mrs. Tila VanTrump, Laura Nicole, Nestorian Nicole, Nimrod Nicole, Oliver Foncanon, Mrs. Foncanon, Rudolph Weninghoff, Sr.

Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society

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 MRS. ED. MILLER.....Secretary
 MRS. MARTIN CONNETT.....Treasurer

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

MRS. LOUISA MILLER, MRS. J. RUDISIL,
 MRS. GEO. HESSERD.

MONTHLY MEETINGS.

First Thursday of each month. 2:30 P. M.

THE Ladies' Missionary Society of St. Joseph Classis will meet in Goshen in June during the time of the annual meeting of the Classis. A very interesting program is being arranged for that occasion.

HAVE you a Missionary Barrel in your house? If not secure one from the Ladies' Society and place it in a prominent place, where it will catch the pennies. These barrels will be opened at the close of the year, and the money given for foreign missions.

THE Board of Foreign Missions elected Miss Lena Zurfluh, of Toledo, Ohio, as an additional teacher in the Girls' school at Sendai, Japan. She is a Swiss by birth, and a graduate of Heidelberg University, and has taught in the public schools in Cleveland. She will leave for Japan the 1st of September.

THE ladies of the north section will give a social at the church parlors Thursday evening, May 3d. The following are the committees: Entertainment—Mrs. D. T. Grubb, Mrs. Perry Archer, Ida Kirkham. Supper—Mesdames Geo. Hesserd, D. F. Paulus, John Snyder, Sarah Knight, M. Bogar, A. Guilaum, Jennie Weickard, John Sweet, Frank Pfeffer, Kate Certia, James Evard, Sadie Kelsy, W. A. Friend, William Kirkham, James Vining, A. C. Katt, Sarah Weickard, Traxler, Julia Riley, Miss Katie Snyder, Miss Carrie Vining, Miss Kittie Vining.

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Weekly Prayer Meeting Sabbath Evening at 6:15.

PRAYER MEETING TOPICS AND LEADERS.

April 15. Self-control and how to gain it. Col. 3: 1-17. (A temperance topic.) Katie Pence.

April 22. What and how to provide for the future. Matt. 25: 31-46. Chas. Segur.

April 29. God's care for His own. Ps. 103: 1-22. Frank Rupert.

May 6. Lessons from the lives of great missionaries. (A missionary topic.) Mrs. A. K. Zartman.

May 13. How to bear burdens. Gal. 6: 1-5. Nellie French.

May 20. What love does for the world. 1 Cor. 13: 1-13. William Rudisil.

May 27. God's call. What is our response? Eph. 4: 1-6, 17-32. Alice Connett.

THE CLEVELAND CONVENTION, JULY 11-15.

The Committee of '94 has its hands full, but is fully equal to the task. Over 30,000 Endeavorers are expected. Cleveland hotels can accommodate only 25,000. All others will be placed in the delightful homes for which the city is noted. Entertainment and railroad rates will be made as low as possible. Send for free map of Cleveland, local Endeavor paper mentioned in last week's *World*; they will give you information on all points.

THE flower committee of the Young People's Society deserves much praise for the beautiful and elaborate decorations on Easter Sunday.

If you have any carpets you want taken up, cleaned and laid telephone to the Zimmer Carpet Cleaning Co. They will do your work just right.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR MISSIONARY

OUR Japan Christian Endeavor Missionary plan is an assured success. \$1,200 has been secured to date, and we hope soon to reach the \$1,500 line. Only 30 more \$10 shares are needed to enable us to do so. The Foreign Missionary Board has thankfully accepted our proposition, and issued a call for a Christian Endeavor Missionary to be sent out to Japan as soon as he can go. Societies having the funds on hand can pay their pledge for 1894 at once. Others are requested to send in the money as soon as convenient. Let us try to have it all in the Foreign Mission Treasurer's hands by June. If some of the societies which have lately joined the pledge ranks cannot pay this soon let them do the best they can. Send all money to our Foreign Mission treasurer, Dr. Jos. L. Lemberger, Lebanon, Pa. Do not send it to the writer. Treasurer Lemberger will send your society a certificate; frame it and hang it in your society room for a perpetual reminder.—*Christian World*.

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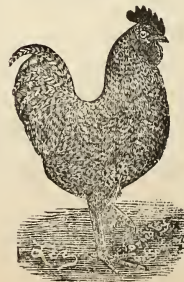
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